Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

LOOK US UP
at an Illinois Library

Illinois has some of the best libraries in the nation, with comprehensive statewide library networks linking more than 2,500 public, academic, school and special libraries to shared materials and information. The Morton Grove Public Library is proud to be part of this network. Through Interlibrary Loan MGPL has been able to borrow obscure, out of print books, as well as esoteric, academic volumes from other libraries for our patrons – well over 1,000 items during the last twelve months. MGPL has tracked down, borrowed and lent out books for patrons as far away as Oregon, and as close as St. Martha's School. We have retrieved and passed on information from our Local History Room to people from coast to coast. We're right in your community, but our reach is statewide. Look Us Up, we're your free resource.

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

The United States is a multicultural, multi-ethnic country. Outside of the Native American population, we are a country of immigrants. Our country's fastest growing minority group is Asian/Pacific Americans. According to the 1990 census, over 15% of the village of Morton Grove's residents are Asian/Pacific American. In May of 1990 President Bush designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. In his proclamation, the President noted the poignant and difficult times Asian/Pacific Americans have experienced in this country. This month-long national recognition pays tribute to the significant contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans. The Morton Grove Public Library will have displays, bibliographies and programs focusing on the history and heritage of Asian/Pacific Americans.

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Drama, music, and adventure – how-tos, how-nots and what-fors. All for free, over the last 12 months at the Morton Grove Public Library. Look at what MGPL offered: ► 15 concerts, featuring big bands, guitar ensembles, jazz, and a variety of singer/song writers ► Seminars on how to organize homes, offices, and finances - how to speak in public, handle a job interview and start a business from home ► 12 feature films, including ***The Joy Luck Club***, ***The Age of Innocence***, ***The Firm*** and ***Sleepless in Seattle*** (weeks before the video stores received copies) ► 11 author appearances through the Authors & Readers Together and Inside Writing & Publishing programs ► World travel at lunch time movies and slide presentations. Now if Eleanor Roosevelt, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and Will Rogers have visited the Library, why haven't you?

rails, trails, veils & tales

the 1994 adult summer reading club

Whether you tour the obvious routes or take that road less travelled, seek out hidden wisdom or find new insights in classic tales, the Morton Grove Public Library has books for you this summer in our second annual adult summer reading club. Your journey begins June 6 when you sign up for an MGPL Express card at the Reader's Service Desk. You must come in person; there will be no registrations by phone. Your MGPL Express card will chronicle your summer travels in the world of literature. Our four categories are Rails, Trails, Veils & Tales. Read six books from three categories and you qualify as an MGPL Express winner. Anyone 13 years and over, with a valid library card from any public library with reciprocal borrowing privileges, may join the MGPL adult summer reading club. You may register during Library hours from June 6 - August 22. On Saturday, August 27, the Library will have a celebration for all Rails, Trails, Veils & Tales Summer Reading Club members, with storytellers, films and plenty of food. Don't be left behind, get an MGPL Express card - your ticket to a whole summer of great book excursions.

4 Fabulous Feature Films!
see inside

MGPL Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5
Closed May 30, July 4, & Sundays, May 29 - Sept. 4

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

May			
5/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/3	Tu	7:00	Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month videos
5/5	Th	7:00	Papers Papers Everywhere
5/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/10	Tu	7:00	Retirement Housing Alternatives
5/12	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/13	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
5/14	Sa	2:00	Healthy Bones Last a Lifetime
5/15	Su	2:00	Concert: Songs of Love & Life
5/16	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Remains of the Day* PG (133min)
5/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/21	Sa	2:00	Hunch Power
5/22	Su	2:00	Concert: America in Three Dimensions
5/23	Mo	7:00	Your Savings & Investment Plan
5/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/30			Library is Closed for Memorial Day
5/31	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
June			
6/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
6/10	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
6/13	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Philadelphia* PG-13 (119min)
6/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
July			
7/4			Library is Closed for Independence Day
7/5	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/11	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Guarding Tess* PG-13 (98min)
7/12	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
7/19	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/26	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
August			
8/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
8/15	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Four Weddings & a Funeral* R (116min)
8/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

May

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Videos: two videos highlighting Asian American history will be shown. *Slaying the Dragon* (60min) traces Hollywood's stereotyping of Asian American women over the last 60 years. *Talking History* (29min) explores the personal experiences of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino women. **Tues. 5/3, 7:00pm**

Paper, Paper Everywhere: Eileen Parelman, of Everything In Its Place, leads this course in how to process your mail, create easily maintained filing systems, and organize your papers at home and in the office. **Thur. 5/5, 7:00pm**

Retirement Housing Alternatives: Choosing What Is Right For You. Tues. 5/10, 7:00pm

Healthy Bones Last a Lifetime: How to Reduce the Risk of Osteoporosis: Dr. Ira Chislof, a chiropractic physician with the Doctor's Speakers Bureau, will outline preventative maintenance techniques to keep your bones healthy. **Sat. 5/14, 2:00pm**

Concert: *Songs of Love & Life*: in historic, turn-of-the-century costume, mezzo soprano, Peggy Prielozny performs this one-woman show of popular music from 1890 to WWI. **Sun. 5/15, 2:00pm**

Hunch Power: The Personal & Professional Edge: author and intuitive consultant Ruth Berger shows how to make your intuition work for you. **Sat. 5/21, 2:00pm**

America In Three Dimensions: a look at our national character through music, literature and art in this multi-media presentation by Jan Pavlovic and Mary Anna Fennelly. **Sun. 5/22, 2:00pm**

Your Savings & Investment Plan: Glen Dresher of Rodman & Renshaw, Inc. will profile investment options for planning a sophisticated portfolio. **Mon. 5/23, 7:00pm**

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30am, the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00am, **Fri. May 13** and **Fri. June 10** for coffee and conversations as we preview the latest Library acquisitions. Showcase goes on vacation for July and August and resumes Sept. 9, meeting the second Friday of each month.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 708-965-4220 (TDD: 965-4236).

Films

May

Remains of the Day
PG (133min) Anthony Hopkins portrays a proper British butler and Emma Thompson is the woman he is afraid to love, in this movie based on Ishiguro's critically acclaimed book. **Mon. 5/16, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

June

Philadelphia PG-13 (119min) Tom Hanks won an Oscar for Best Actor in this film about an attorney dying of AIDS and his confrontation with the law firm that has fired him. **Mon. 6/13, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

July

Guarding Tess PG-13 (98min) Shirley MacLaine plays a former first lady guarded against her will by Secret Service agent Nicolas Cage, an arrangement both initially loath, until they learn to appreciate and respect each other. **Mon. 7/11, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

August

Four Weddings and a Funeral R (116min) Always a best man, never a groom, Hugh Grant plays a shy bachelor finally tempted by Andie MacDowell in this charming British comedy. **Mon. 8/15, 11:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

Art Exhibits

Baxter Room

May - mixed media art work by students from Parkview School.

Summer - a different artist will be featured each month.

Lobby Display Case

May - modelling tools and clay sculptures by 8th grade students from Parkview School.

June - adult summer reading club - Rail, Trails, Veils & Tales.

July - space exploration and commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Moon landing.

August - lazy days of summer, beach and backyard literature.

MGPL Book Sale Circulate your old books and pick up some new gems at the Library's on-going book sale. We have great book bargains, with prices starting as low as 10¢. Your donations and purchases support collection development, at the Library and at your home.

Kids Programs

"Book a Trip Around the World" Children's Summer Reading Program

Sign up for an MGPL Passport on June 20 and have a summer of world travel. Don't forget to validate your passport along the way, to show where you've been. "Book a Trip Around the World" starts June 20 and ends August 31. Details and rules on the program will be available at the Children's Desk. A party for all reading participants will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2:00pm. Enjoy your trip.

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books for 7th and 8th graders will conclude with a make-up meet scheduled for May 4. Team standings are O.L.P.H. - 442, Gemini - 318, East Prairie - 296, Parkview - 282, Golf - 205. We would like to thank the coaches from each school for the encouragement and enthusiasm they provided.

21st Annual Children's Art Contest

The Library's Children's Art Contest began March 1 and will continue through June 1. Morton Grove residents, preschool through 6th grade, may submit original pictures, in any medium, on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the stairwells throughout the coming year.

Dinosaur Derby

The Stegosaurus team (readers from Madison, Edison and Lincoln Schools) is in the lead. The winning team will have a party on Saturday May 14 from 11:30 to 1:30. The top three readers in each grade from all the other teams are also invited. All winners will receive a certificate and a prize. Readers who reached 500 points are eligible for the party's dinosaur prize raffle. Congratulations to all Dinosaur Derby players.

Children's Classes

The Summer session begins June 20. Registration will start June 6 for Morton Grove residents and June 13 for non-residents.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2	Monday	7:00pm

Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3	Monday	3:30 pm
Grades 4-6	Friday	3:30 pm

Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Creative Writing
please choose one of the following:

Grades 2-6	Wed.	3:30 pm
Class limit - 40	Thurs.	3:30 pm

Reference Wizards

Reference librarians are a group of unique individuals who actually thrill to the challenge of a good, difficult question. MGPL's Reference Coordinator has compiled this select list of Reference Room queries.

Whose dying words were, "Comedy is hard. Dying is easy"?

How much would the 12 Days of Christmas cost today?

Is there a list of children who started their own businesses?

Where do you write to get your name taken off all those mailing lists?

Was Beethoven Jewish?

Which is worse for you, a Big Mac or a Whopper?

Where can I find a commune to join?

How do you get a star named after you?

What day of the week are the most people absent from work?

For the answers to these questions and more, contact our information wizards at the Morton Grove Public Library.

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Reference Roundup

"Summertime, and the living is easy..." especially for those of us with exciting plans lined up. Let the Reference collection at MGPL help you plot a terrific summer.

Students looking for summer employment will find ***Summer Jobs '94*** an invaluable resource with over 20,000 creative opportunities. If your dream is a job in France, browse the ***1994 Directory of Overseas Summer Jobs.***

High school students will find ***Going Places: The High School Student's Guide to Study, Travel and Adventure*** the ticket to an unforgettable summer. ***Vacation Study Abroad 1994*** lists overseas adventures for students of all levels.

If you'd rather explore the country without working and studying, pick up the ***USA Travel Phone Book*** for info on weather, car rentals, and top attractions in every state. Affordable alternatives to Disney World are profiled in ***The Amusement Park Guide*** with details on over 200 parks across the country, including six right in Illinois. Summer camps are highlighted in the ***1994/5 Guide to Accredited Camps*** with many listings in this area.

Even if your summer plans involve a 2 hour layover at LaGuardia airport, (see the ***Traveler's Guide to Major U.S. Airports*** for ideas on killing the time), the MGPL Reference collection can make it easier.

– Lesley Williams, Reference Coordinator

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